(b) if so, what steps are envisaged for protecting these sections of society from the burden of exorbitant in terest paid in distress to private money lenders; and

(c) whether there is any plan to provide them help in kind during the lean periods by creation of separate societies for the specific purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Housing Policy

1469. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of UR BAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the 'new Housing Policy is likely to be finalised; and

(b) what concrete steps are postulated to encourage Cooperative group housing in big cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a), The draft National Housing Po-, licy was discussed in the Housing (Minister's Conference held to May, 1967. It will take some time before it is finalised.

(b) Cooperatives have already been paying a significant role in the housing sector including Group Housing. The above mentioned Conference has also resolved that Cooperatives have to be assigned a wider and increasingly important role to the field of housing activities, including to larger cities.

Amount recoverable by Land and Development Officer

1470. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of parties from whom Land and Development Officer New Delhi has to recover more than Rs. 5,00,000/-

(b) the reasons for not taking steps for recovery; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to recover these amounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allotment of Residential Accommodation to Freedom Fighters and Journalists

1471. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Freedom fighters who have been allotted residential accommodation in Delhi;

(b) the number and names of Journalists who have been allotted residential accommodation in Delhi; and

(c) the number of pending applications for allotment of residential accommodation from Freedom fighters and Journalists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH! MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH (a) Statement-I AS enclosed. (See below).

(b) Statement-I is enclosed. (See below).

(c) Freedom fighters — 23
Journalists — 2

Statement-I

Statements of Houses allotted of Freedom

S. No.	Name of Freedom Fighters
L	Shri M L. Dwivedi.
2.	Shri S. D Upadhaya
3.	Shri S. N. Misra
4	Shri G. N. Singh
5.	Shri Chaudhary M. Shafi